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1. Larry Houston reports that there has been an embezzlement of \$30,000 or \$40,000 at Brentano's Book Stores, Inc. and that our employees in the Office of Central Reference may be involved. With representatives of the Offices of Security and the Inspector General he is looking into the matter right away. (On 5 June Larry reported that it now appeared that our employees were not involved in any impropriety. However, [redacted] Office of the Inspector General, is continuing a full investigation.) Unresolved questions in which I am interested are (a) whether or not confidential funds have been used for these purchases, and, if so, why, and (b) whether or not we have been paying unnecessarily high prices for the books purchased. Our purchases have been averaging about \$100 per day.

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2. Requested [redacted] to get in touch with representatives of the Public Buildings Service and Harrison & Abramovitz in connection with moving ahead as soon as possible on our site development at Langley. Asked him to advise me whether or not it was possible to get something started in time to have a cornerstone ceremony on the 18th of September. (On 5 June H. S. discussed this with me and a meeting between representatives of Harrison & Abramovitz, Clarke & Rapuano, the landscape engineers, and the Public Buildings Service is arranged for next week. However, the most optimistic estimate I can get at the moment is that we might be able to let a contract by 1 October. I reported this at the Deputies' Meeting on 5 June and it was agreed that we would abandon any plans for having a cornerstone ceremony in connection with our Tenth Anniversary celebration.)

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3. [redacted] was over to brief me on a number of things. In discussing the Psychiatric Program he said that we were going to lose two of our psychiatrists sometime soon, and in this connection brought to my attention the fact that almost all of our psychiatrists carried on their private practices after normal duty hours with CIA. This may be all right, but it is something which I want to look into to make sure that we are not subject to criticism.

4. Frank also advised me that the Medical Staff were planning on [redacted] EOD's for June, July, and August and said he believed that they could take care of them by a reasonable amount of overtime. In view of our cutback in personnel this number sounds high to me and I want to check it out with the Office of Personnel.

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5. I agreed with Frank that it would be appropriate to write a letter to the Department of the Navy expressing our appreciation for the services of [redacted]. He agreed to prepare one for my signature.

6. Brigadier General Harold Q. Huglin, Office of Defense Mobilization, telephoned in connection with Gordon Gray's request that we nominate someone to sit on an Economic Warfare Committee in connection with emergency planning. He emphasized that while there was no reflection at all on [redacted] they would prefer to have an expert in this field. (I presented this subject at the Deputies' Meeting on 5 June. Both Frank Wisner and Bob Amory wanted to nominate candidates and it was finally agreed that we would submit the names of two candidates---which has been done; they are [redacted] DD/P area, and [redacted] DD/I area.

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7. [redacted] telephoned in connection with the Director's new Cadillac saying that the Office of Security wanted to put bulletproof glass in it and effect other alterations which would run up the cost of the vehicle several thousand dollars and delay delivery for many weeks. After talking to Shef I instructed [redacted] to ahead and take delivery on the car on 2 July without these alterations.

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8. [redacted] telephoned to ascertain what my policy would be in connection with wives accompanying husbands on temporary duty overseas. He has two doctors who want to take their wives with them to Europe. I told him I had no objection provided that (a) such an arrangement was not inconsistent with cover, (b) that the station involved was not burdened in any way, and (c) that there was no expense to the Agency.

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9. Kirk buzzed to request that I take the initiative in setting up [redacted] in his new job as Deputy Director for Interagency Coordination inasmuch as changes in organization, space, etc., would be involved. I spoke to [redacted] about this and he said that the Director had requested that we do nothing at the moment.

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11. [redacted] Office of the Inspector General, was over to talk to me about the [redacted] case which I reviewed fully with him. He suggested the possibility of

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